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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §2, that the Department of Public Health will hold a public hearing on an amendment to 105 CMR 130.000, *Hospital Licensure*, which was promulgated on an emergency basis on July 26, 2005.

The amendment adds a new definition, "rural hospital," to the regulation.

The hearing will be held August 30, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. in Side A of the Public Health Council Room, Second Floor, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Speakers are requested to provide a copy of their oral testimony. Parties who wish to submit written testimony should mail submissions to Cathleen McElligott, Director, State Office of Rural Health, 180 Beaman Street, West Boylston, MA, 01583. All written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on September 2, 2005.

Copies of the regulation may be obtained from Cathleen McElligott at (508) 792-7880.

Paul J. Cote, Jr.
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Date

New definition to be added to 105 CMR 130.020:

"Rural Hospital," means an acute care hospital licensed under M.G.L. c. 111, § 51, which: (1) has 50 or fewer licensed beds and based on the published United States Census 2000 data of the US Census Bureau is in a city or town whose population is less than 20,000 and is located within a city, town, service area, or County whose population density is less than or equal to 500 people per square mile and which applies for such a designation; or (2) is a hospital designated as a Critical Access Hospital as of July 1, 2005 by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services in accordance with federal regulations and state requirements.